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Gentleman:

Enclosed are the monthly discharge reports for the Deer Creek, Des-Bee-Dove, Trail Mountain, and Wilberg mines and the Hunter Coal Preparation and Blending Facility for the month of January, 2001.

Please note that the Deer Creek Mine discharge (UT0023604-002) exceeded the maximum allowable total iron limitation. The value reported is 0.2 mg/L over the allowable limit of 1.2 mg/L.

Also note that the Trail Mountain mine discharge (UT-0023728-002) shows an average discharge of 0.06 mgd, or approximately 42 gpm, but no sample parameters were collected for the month of January. To explain, the Trail Mountain Mine reduced the discharge from the mine dramatically after the southern portion of the mine was sealed off. The only intercepted mine water that is pumped to the outside is pumped into a 100,000 gal. holding tank. This water is used for in-mine dust suppression and to supply the maintenance shop and bathhouse with culinary water. The holding tank is equipped with an overflow that discharges into the receiving stream, which is the point of discharge for UT-0023728-002. Discharge from this tank has been sporadic throughout the month. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to sample the discharge and therefore, no samples were collected for January 2001.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to call Dennis Oakley at 687-4825 or Chuck Semborski at 687-4720.

Sincerely,

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